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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HILL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1861.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

March, 1861.

The selectmen of the Town of Hill for the year 1860, charge themselves with the following items viz :

Cash of Carr Huse, Treasurer for 1859,	\$118,41
hired of M. J. Morrill,	75,00
of C. N. Blake, collector for 1859,	359,35
hired of Ruth Bartlett,	30,00
hired of Amos Dickerson,	120,00
received Literary fund,	65,40
hired of Samuel W. Bartlett,	100,00
received of town of Plaistow,	10,58
hired of Edward Colby,	200,00
of David Trumbull, collector for 1855,	10,24
Taxes committed to collector,	2450,79
Cash of O. E. Eastman, collector for 1857,	17,35
received of State Treasurer Rail Road Tax,	90,78
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	\$3647,93

Which is accounted for as follows :

Outstanding claims prior to March, 1860,

Paid Carr Huse services as Treasurer for 1859,	\$16,67
Jona. Currier support of L. Morse,	30,00
H. S. Esterbrooks, support of M. & E. Rano,	40,80
W. T. Vail, Supt. School Committee,	3,00
Pike & Barnard,	100,00
G. W. Sumner, Supt. School Committee,	7,75
Town of New Hampton support of I. Wells,	16,90

Frank Ferrin, work on road,	1,00
A. & C. N. Blake, bill for robe, 1859,	47
J. H. Follansbee, bill for 1858,	4,46
Joel Connor, work on road 1859,	1,25
Luther Sawyer, " " "	1,50
T. R. Colby, " " "	2,99
J. S. Sweatt, " " "	1,50
J. P. Johnson, " " "	1,50
J. W. Gile, " " "	4,85
A. A. Marden, rent, &c.,	5,78
R. S. Hastings, in small pox case,	1,75
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	\$241,17

Town expenses for 1860.

Paid Carr Huse, for services,	\$2,08
County School Com'r.,	8,63
Daniel Lovrein, cleaning town house,	1,00
Morril Dickerson, for collecting,	7,20
Fogg & Hadley, for reports,	8,00
G. Parker Lyon, for Blank Books, &c.,	4,10
Timo. Stevens, for services,	1,50
Carr Huse, services,	3,50
W. T. Vail, Supt. School Com.,	6,50
Deputy Secretary of State,	1,00
W. H. Straw, collector,	25,00
John Boynton, work on Town House,	3,00
Dr. R. Fellows, Supt. School Committee,	23,25
Albert Blake, services as Selectman,	37,00
Horse hire and cash paid out,	22,49
Board of Selectmen,	8,00
Milton Mason, services as Selectman,	20,20
Horse hire and cash paid out,	3,00
W. H. Straw, services as Selectman,	14,50
Horse hire and cash paid out,	3,13
C. M. Cilley, services as Town Clerk,	21,29
C. M. Cilley, services,	1,50
R. S. Hastings, work on Town House,	2,00
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	\$227,87

Support of the Poor.

Paid Rachel Stevens, for her support,	\$20,00
N. H. Asylum, support of S. Rano,	70,86
Jona. Currier, support of L. Morse,	28,92
J. P. Ladd, for keeping transient men,	1,50
I. T. Follansbee, support of J. Call and Wife,	45,00
H. S. Esterbrooks, support of Poor,	98,00
Calvin Golden, support of Poor,	150,61
Peter S. Braley, support of Sally Noyes,	20,00
Baruch H. Cass, of Canterbury,	1,00
Joseph H. Foster, support of B. H. Cass,	40,88
J. T. & J. B. Wadleigh,	9,46
Huse & Blake, goods for Poor,	11,98
Dr. R. Fellows, services as Physician,	40,30
Town of New Hampton, support of I. Wells,	16,50
A. Blake, goods for Poor,	19,36
N. G. Ladd, services as Physician in small pox case,	85,00
J. P. Ladd & Fanny Davis, for Mrs. Shortliss,	2,42
John Flanders, support of Mrs. Shortliss,	12,00
W. J. Lock, " " "	20,00
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	\$703,79

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Harrison Colby, work on road,	1,80
Benj. Farrar, for Plank,	6,20
Luther Sawyer, for Plank and work,	2,25
J. W. Gile, work on road,	1,00
Moses Bartlett, for Plank,	15,00
E. G. Adams, use of Plow,	75
Sam'l Wells, rails and posts,	1,50
O. E. Eastman, on Bridge,	17,38
J. T. & J. B. Wadleigh, for sawing plank, &c.,	7,78
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	\$53,66

Paid on Notes.

Paid Carr Huse, on Notes,	\$566,27
Moses Favor, " "	109,06
M. Proctor Favor, " "	39,37
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	\$714,70

Paid the several School Districts.

Paid School District No 1,	\$122,28
2,	29,68
3,	51,14
4,	61,08
5,	61,25
6,	56,64
7,	33,70
8,	35,35
9,	34,83
10,	35,17
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	\$521,12

Paid State Tax,	\$150,50
County Tax,	299,45
Non-resident Highway Tax, worked out,	1,13
District No. 9, School House Tax,	4,00
Abatement of Taxes,	36,33

 RECAPITULATION.

Amount of money received by Treasurer,	\$3647,93
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Which is accounted as follows :

State Tax,	\$150,50
County Tax,	299,45
School Districts,	521,12
Outstanding claims,	241,17
Town expenses,	227,87
Support of poor,	703,79
Roads and Bridges,	53,66
Paid on Notes,	714,70
Non-Resident highway taxes worked out,	1,13
Due from collector,	544,74
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	149,47
Abatement of Taxes,	36,33
School House Tax Dis. No. 9,	4,00
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	\$3647,93

Outstanding Claims against the Town.

Due Sarah A. Quimby, on Note,	\$158,31
H. P. Eaton, "	389,23
Dimond Shaw, "	252,47
Moses Dustin, "	272,95
Dickerson, "	99,85
M. J. Morrill,	330,89
S. M. Currier,	319,29
Amelia Emmons,	251,69
Polly F. Hersey,	96,85
Ruth Bartlett,	31,20
Amos Dickerson,	124,80
Edward Colby,	205,00
Outstanding bills estimated at,	120,00
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	\$2652,53

Due the Town.

Liquors on hand estimated at,	\$115,00
Available means in real estate,	50,00
Due from Jeremiah Flanders, collector,	9,68
David Trumbull, collector,	18,49
Nason W. Cass, "	31,00
O. E. Eastman, "	110,79
C. N. Blake, "	117,87
W. H. Straw, "	544,74
Sam'l Underhill estate,	60,00
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	149,47
John P. Colby,	23,41
from County of Grafton,	44,55
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	\$1275,03
Leaving a balance due from the Town of,	\$1377,50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT BLAKE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Hill.</i>
MILTON MASON,		
WILLIAM H. STRAW,		

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

YEAR ENDING MARCH 12, 1861.

The schools have been satisfactorily improved, in respect to the efforts of the teachers, who, with a few exceptions have been generally diligent, and interested in the welfare of their pupils, both morally and intellectually. Your Committee believe that one great hinderance to the progress of education in this town, is the shortness of the schools, which is very much to be lamented, and we hope this day you will remedy the evil by a liberal addition to the school money. We regret very much that the parents show so little interest in the education of their children, and it really appears to us, there never has been less manifested in a year, than the one that is about to close. In regard to this matter, we would refer you to the remarks of the teacher in District No. 9, thinking they may be as applicable in the rest of the districts as in No. 9.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term of four weeks : Taught by Miss JOSEPHINE MOOR, who possesses eminent qualifications as a school teacher, and we should undoubtedly have had a good school had it not been broken up by the small pox appearing among us.

Fall Term was divided ; was kept nine weeks by Miss E. J. DURELL and Miss ABBIE P. EATON. Both branches were examined and both gave good evidence of marked improvement. The Committee think that the progress was greater than in any one term for many years. Although we had two good and competent teachers, yet we believe that the success in a great measure was in consequence of the school being divided. The *Winter* school was

also divided, the higher department was taught eleven weeks by Miss EMILIE HERSEY, who is most highly qualified for a teacher, both as an exemplary lady and a thorough scholar. The progress in the different branches studied, was good. Both teacher and scholars deserve much praise.

A term of five weeks in the lower department was taught by Miss FANNIE L. MORRILL. In this school a more thorough discipline would have been better. The school is large, and really needs a teacher of experience as well as thorough disciplinary tact. In the opinion of the committee, no school stands in greater need of a thorough and experienced teacher, than a large school of small scholars. The foundation stones of the educational fabric, must be correctly and thoroughly laid, or it will be next to impossible to raise any valuable or enduring superstructure upon them; and to unlearn what we have learned amiss is a great waste of time and effort. The school, however, had much greater advantages, and made much better progress than heretofore, when undivided. The teacher was diligent, and faithful, and met with as good success as could be expected under the circumstances. We would just remind the inhabitants of this district, that the same old dilapidated school-house stands as a true token of the deep and generous interest you feel in universal education.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

One term in the winter of eight weeks, taught by Miss MORGIA A. FOWLER. This was a small school. Order and progress satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 3.

First term of four weeks; second of five and one-half weeks; both taught by Mr. JOHN EMERY.

These schools were visited but once by the committee, who found affairs moving like clock-work. Prof. J. W. PATTERSON examined this school during the last session, and commended it highly.

DISTRICT No. 4.

First term of six and one-half weeks, taught by Miss HELEN M. PARKER, a teacher of experience and ability, well known in town; kept a good school.

Second term of six weeks, taught by Mr. B. F. DICKERSON. All the classes appeared well at the examination, giving evidence of a successful school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

First term of six weeks, taught by Mr. JOHN EMERY, a teacher of much experience, who must be known to be appreciated. He commenced his labors properly and at the close of the school there was every evidence of thorough training in the elementary branches.

Second term of nine and one-half weeks, taught by Miss ADDIE H. SARGEANT. An excellent teacher: kept good order, and the school made that progress which industry in study, and good instruction always insures.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

First term of six weeks, taught by Miss SARAH E. DICKERSON: a good school in point of order, and advancement. The teacher proved herself well adapted, not only to instruct, but to govern a school.

Second term of eight weeks, taught by Mr. J. L. CALL. The order in this school was good. The pupils gave evidence of having been well instructed in most of the branches of a common school education; and between the first and second visits of the committee, as good advancement was noticed as could be expected considering the shortness of the time.

DISTRICT No. 7.

One Fall Term of eleven weeks, taught by Mrs. MARY A. SHAW. The school was not visited twice by the same committee on which account it is difficult to make a correct report. Probably the school made some progress.

DISTRICT No. 8.

One Winter Term of fifteen weeks, taught by Miss FANNIE L. MORRILL. This school commenced well, but in consequence of bad traveling, it was not visited at the close. We have no doubt there was good improvement made.

DISTRICT No. 9.

First term of eight weeks, taught by Miss MARTHA J. CURRIER. The school made poor progress ; was only passable.

Second term of four weeks, taught by Mr. ALPHEUS T. BRAINERD, a peculiar and efficient instructor.

From the interesting remarks of the teacher, we extract the following : “ Though not so quiet, and free from noise, as might be desired, this has been a very industrious school. Scholars appeared to have been strongly interested in their studies. Parents seem to have regarded the teacher, either with unbounded confidence, or the school with unpardonable indifference, the latter is the more probable hypothesis. They have kept aloof as though they feared that some direful contagion lurked within the walls of the school-house.”

DISTRICT No. 10.

One Fall Term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss MORGIA A. FOWLER ; a faithful, good teacher, who by patient industry, earned her success.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS : A sense of duty compels your Committee once more to urge you to look after the vital interests of the schools. We *must* have better school-houses, properly furnished. Enough has been said on this subject, but it is wholly disregarded. It is discouraging to go over the ground again, yet, we cannot but hope better things of you.

Let us put away vain pretences, and empty excuses for indifference, and let each one lend his aid to advance the noble cause of education. Let all pitiful objections against generous expenditures and liberal measures to improve and elevate our schools, cease to be heard from any one. If our hearts were alive in this noble work, our hands would find plenty to do, and enough to do with.

R. FELLOWS, } Supt. School
W. T. VAIL, } Committee.



